

Senator Russell

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Stephens:

I have discussed your letter of 22 September with officials of the Central Intelligence Agency who had no knowledge of the situation you describe concerning 2,500 Model 671 GM Diesel engines which you have been told were impounded in a Mexican port.

If you have any additional information on this, the Agency will be happy to look into it further, but it is their guess that somehow the letters "CIA" have been interpreted to refer to the Central Intelligence Agency when they may have been used as an abbreviation for the Spanish word compania which is frequently shortened to CIA in the names of Latin America companies as Co. is used here.